(b) if so, whether that temporary service period has been included in their service record; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Allahabad Bank has reported that a panel of general as well as Sheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates was prepared in 1976 for appointment in Peon-cum-Farash cadre against permanent vacancies in the State of West Bengal. Initially some of them belonging to general as well as Scheduled Caste Categories were given appointment for temporary periods during 1976-79 according to exigencies of work. Subsequently, they were given permanent appointment, against permanent vacancies. The Bank has further reported that in accordance with the spirit of the provisions of the Bipartite Settlement dated 19-10-66 as well as the settlement made with the recognised Union of the Bank in this regard, the temporary service periods of the general as well as Scheduled Caste candidates, whose intermittant breaks between two assignments till permanent absorption were not exceeding fifteen days at a time, have been included in their service records.

Non-consideration of Application for transfer of SC/ST employees in Allahabad Bank

3509. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that applications for transfer/posting of SC/ST employees in Allahabad Bank are not considered and, as such, several representations are pending at different controlling offices; and

(b) if so, whether Government will issue orders for posting of Scheduled Tribe employees in their own States ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that each and every request in respect of transfer/posting of SC/ST Officers/Employees is considered on merit and given effect if matching vacancies are available at the respective places and that necessary instructions have been issued by the bank to its controlling offices to post Scheduled Tribe Award staff near their native places, as far as practicable.

Implementation of All India Promotion Policy by Allahabad Bank

3510. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad Bank has taken any steps to implement All India promotion policy; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for excluding the state of Gujarat in this respect ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that all promotions in the bank are effected strictly in terms of the laid down promotion policies. The reasons for excluding candidates from the State of Gujarat was in accordance with the order passed by the City Civil Court, Ahmedabad restraining appointments in Gujarat circle.

Survey regarding availability of minerals in Indian Water

3511. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any surveys have been conducted to assess the availability of minerals in the Indian waters;

(b) if so, what are the types of minerals available and the extent to which they can be mined economically; and

(c) whether any schemes for development of such mining have been drawn up; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) Surveys in the near shore areas of Orissa, Andhra Pradeh, Kerala and Maharashtra coast have revealed occurrence of monazite, ilmenite, sillimanite, garnet, zircon and rutile.